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Welcome Back, Students!

Staff at the Mortola (Pleasantville) and Birnbaum (NYC) Libraries welcomed undergraduates to Pace on September 5. Students lined up at the information desk for assistance using the computers and printers, wireless access, finding textbooks on reserve, and locating classrooms; our fearless reference librarians were delighted to help. As the semester continues and assignments accumulate, the reference staff will be available to assist with more complex questions about research. A librarian can meet with students for consultations (by appointment) to address information needs for assignments. Librarians are also available to assist on LIVE HELP (a chat reference service) at http://www.pace.edu/library/. Stop by the information desk and they’ll be happy to assist you!

Mortola Library Update

Mortola Library has made several exciting changes to our space this fall. The library has added a café seating area, quick print computer terminals and even a hydration station to quickly fill up your water bottle. There is also new beanbag furniture on the first floor for comfortable group study.

Additional quiet study spaces on the second floor of Mortola will be added this fall.

To view a Library Minute video of the new spaces, scan the QR code to the right on your smart phone or visit http://youtu.be/I0mBg2iURCg

Birnbaum Library’s Ghost Hunters

This semester University 101 students will be participating in an unusual library orientation game, “Library Ghost Hunters,” created by First Year Outreach Services Librarian Jennifer Rosenstein, is a scavenger hunt (live and virtual) where students are directed to locate “clues” throughout the Birnbaum Library and with the use of the Library’s online resources. Jennifer created the game as an alternative to the freshman class tours that are conducted throughout the year. The object of the game is to determine the identity of a ghost supposedly haunting the basement of 41 Park Row (NYC Campus). There are three different versions of the game that students may attempt, the clues of each game leading them into the library stacks and online to conduct searches in the catalog. Jennifer hopes students will find the game “fun, and more meaningful than a traditional tour.” Library Ghost Hunters will begin on October 1; instructions are available at the Birnbaum Library circulation desk. Upon completion of the game, players can enter their names in a raffle to win prizes.
Harry Potter’s World at Mortola Library

In conjunction with the traveling exhibit Harry Potter’s World, Mortola Library will host a Faculty Talk on Wednesday, September 19th, during the Common Hour (12:20 – 1:15pm) Light refreshments will be served.

Professor Edna Lief will speak about Merlin and Mythology. Best remembered as the mysterious wizard in the Legend of King Arthur, Merlin is a well-known character of literature and film, including the animated Disney movie The Sword in the Stone. Professor Lief is a Professor of English at Pace University and is currently teaching a class about World Mythologies.

James Eyring will appear with his owl Oscar. Mostly nocturnal, owls are one of the world’s most intriguing creatures. James is the Assistant Director of the Environmental Center at Pace University. The Environmental Center is a focal point of the Pleasantville campus and promotes environmental education to students and the general public.

In addition, Mortola Library will host another Faculty Talk on October 3rd, 12:20pm. Nancy Reagin, Pace Professor of History and author of the books Harry Potter and History and Twilight and History will speak on the ways historical contexts, events, and persons are incorporated into the Harry Potter series.

For more information contact Douglas Heimbigner (dheimbigner@pace.edu).

New Books at Mortola and Birnbaum

New books are added frequently to the library collections. Faculty and students are welcome to place requests for new materials through the library catalog.

http://www.pace.edu/library/find-resources/library-catalog

Meet our New Librarians!

Ben Peck joined the Mortola Library staff in July as an Instructional Services Librarian. After growing up in Vermont, Ben studied Music at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and completed his Master’s Degree in Library Science at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Before arriving at Pace, Ben worked as a librarian at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut and Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, Canada.

Outside of work, Ben enjoys singing in The St. Cecilia Chorus, bicycling and reading fiction. He lives in Harlem with his girlfriend Adrian and his two cats Leo and Moe.

Phil Poggiali joined the Pace staff in August as an Instructional Services Librarian at the Birnbaum Library. He completed an M.S. in Information Science and an M.A. in Theatre at SUNY Albany. He was formerly an Undergraduate Education Librarian at UConn Stamford.

Phil lives in Westchester with his wife Kristina, and enjoys reading, seeing movies, and traveling. He loves writing about cinema and is a frequent contributor to his brother Chris’ novelization blog, The Paperback Film Projector.